

AMENDMENTS

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(i), please substitute the following claims for pending claims of the same number.

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- 1 1. (Once Amended) A space-saving scanner assembly, comprising:  
2 a housing having a substantially vertical source-contact surface with a channel  
3 extending from the housing; and  
4 a flap coupled to the source-contact surface, the flap having a source-backing  
5 surface substantially parallel to the source-contact surface of the housing, wherein the  
6 source-contact surface, the source-backing surface, and the channel form an aperture  
7 for receiving an edge of a source to be scanned.

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- 1 12. (Once Amended) The assembly of claim 5, wherein the slot is  
2 positioned to permit the placement of a relatively short source document on edge on  
3 the channel wherein information to be scanned is aligned with at least a portion of a  
4 platen.

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- 1 14. (Once Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the width of a  
2 first end of the channel proximal to a front panel of the housing increases over that  
3 portion of the channel that extends beyond the platen.

1            16.    (Once Amended)    A space-saving scanner assembly, comprising:  
2            means for optically scanning image data; and  
3            means for forming an aperture configured to closely receive a leading edge of  
4            the source, such that the source can be spatially arranged with the means for optically  
5            scanning without adjusting the aperture, the source being supported along a second  
6            edge of said source as the source is received in the aperture and during a scanning  
7            operation.

1            17.    (Once Amended)    The assembly of claim 16, wherein the means  
2            for forming an aperture comprises a channel.

1            18.    (Once Amended)    The assembly of claim 16, wherein the means  
2            for forming an aperture comprises a flap having a slot.

1            19.    (Once Amended)    The assembly of claim 16, wherein the means  
2            for forming an aperture comprises a first inclined surface associated with a housing  
3            and a second inclined surface associated with a flap.

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20. (Once Amended) A method for saving space on a desktop,  
comprising:  
providing an optical scanner having a housing, the housing having a  
substantially vertical source-contact surface with a channel extending from the  
housing, the vertical source-contact surface including a transparent platen portion, the  
channel adjacent to a lower edge of the transparent platen; and  
providing a flap coupled to the source-contact surface, the flap having a  
source-backing surface substantially parallel to the source-contact surface of the  
housing, wherein the source-contact surface, the source-backing surface, and the  
channel form an aperture for receiving an edge of a source to be scanned.

21. (Once Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising:  
inserting a leading edge of a source to be scanned into the aperture formed by  
the source-contact surface, the flap, and the channel such that the source is supported  
along a second edge by the channel.

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23. (Once Amended) The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
enabling the optical scanner to scan the source.

1            26.    (Newly Added)        A space-saving scanner assembly, comprising:  
2            a housing having a substantially vertical source-contact surface;  
3            a channel extending from the housing; and  
4            a flap coupled to the housing, the flap having a source-backing surface  
5            substantially parallel to the source-contact surface of the housing, wherein the source-  
6            contact surface, the source-backing surface, and the channel form an aperture for  
7            receiving an edge of a source to be scanned without necessitating relative movement  
8            between the flap and the housing.

1            27.    (Newly Added)        The assembly of claim 26, wherein the housing  
2            contains a front panel with an inclined surface adjacent to the opening, the inclined  
3            surface forming a wider opening at the surface of the front panel.

1            28.    (Newly Added)        The assembly of claim 26, wherein the flap  
2            includes an inclined surface adjacent to the opening, the inclined surface arranged to  
3            increase the opening along a front edge of the flap, wherein the front edge is  
4            substantially perpendicular to the source-backing surface.

1            29.    (Newly Added)        The assembly of claim 26, wherein the flap  
2            includes a slot.

1           30.   (Newly Added)       The assembly of claim 29, wherein the slot is  
2 positioned to permit the placement of a relatively short source document on edge on  
3 the channel wherein information to be scanned is aligned with at least a portion of the  
4 platen.

1           31.   (Newly Added)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the housing  
2 further comprises a recess configured to receive a portion of the channel when the  
3 source-backing surface is in close proximity to the source-contact surface.

1           32.   (Newly Added)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the channel  
2 has a first end proximal to a front panel of the housing and a distal end that extends at  
3 least to a distal edge of a platen.

1           33.   (Newly Added)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the flap is  
2 coupled to the housing with at least one post assembly having a plurality of spatially-  
3 separated detent positions.

1           34.   (Newly Added)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the housing  
2 is configured to extend the channel from the source-contact surface when an operator  
3 adjusts the source-backing surface in relation to the source-contact surface to increase  
4 the width of the opening.

1           35.   (Newly Added)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the width of  
2   the channel at a first end of the channel proximal to a front panel of the housing  
3   increases over that portion of the channel that extends beyond the platen.

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1           36.   (Newly Added)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the channel  
2   is coated with a material having a relatively low coefficient of friction.

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1           37.   (Newly Added)       A method for arranging a source in a scanner  
2   comprising:  
3       inserting a leading edge of a source into an aperture formed by a channel such  
4   that a surface of the source having information thereon that is desired to be imaged by  
5   the scanner is adjacent to a sensor arranged in a substantially vertical plane; and  
6       positionally adjusting the source such that the information desired to be  
7   imaged is aligned with the sensor.

1           38.   (Newly Added)       The method of claim 37, further comprising:  
2       inserting a plug into a slot formed in a flap, the flap substantially parallel with  
3   a source-contact surface of the scanner; and  
4       enabling the sensor to scan the information.